## Alabama Athlete Agents Commission 1st Quarter Meeting Minutes RSA Plaza

## 770 Washington Ave-5th Floor Lobby Conference Room Montgomery, Alabama 36130

## March 2, 2022

The Alabama Athlete Agents Commission Meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by Chairman Santiago Pinzon.

The invocation was given by Todd Vardaman.

All Commission members and visitors signed and acknowledged attendance.

Oath of Office was administered by Shemekwa Farrow to newly appointed members (Jalen Johnson & Taylor Shields) and reappointed members (Gerald Allen, Chris Blackshear, Michael Derringer, Mike Jones, Santiago Pinzon, Todd Vardaman, and Julie Woltjen).

Commission members present at the meeting are as follows:

Commissioner Todd Vardaman University of North Alabama Commissioner Santiago Pinzon Troy University Commissioner Richard Greene Auburn University Commissioner Gerald Allen Member, Alabama Senate Commissioner Greg Bonds Jacksonville State University Commissioner John H. Merrill Alabama Secretary of State Commissioner Barbara Palmer Miles College Commissioner Chris Blackshear Member, Alabama House of Representatives Commissioner Mike Jones University of West Alabama Commissioner Taylor Shields University of Montevallo Commissioner Julie Woltjen University of Alabama, Huntsville Commissioner David Derringer University of Alabama, Birmingham

Others in attendance are as follows:

Ms. Shemekwa Farrow
Mr. Hugh R. Evans, III
Mrs. Karen Guthrie

Administrative Analyst II, Office of the Secretary of State
Chief Legal Counsel, Office of the Secretary of State
Executive Assistant, Office of the Secretary of State

Commission members not in attendance are as follows:

Commissioner Alvin Briggs
Commissioner Jacqueline Freeman
Commissioner Nicholas Brown
Commissioner Jared White
Commissioner Tiffini Grimes

Alabama High School Athletic Association
Alabama State University
Tuskegee University
Governor's Office
University of Alabama

Commissioner Earl Robinson Commissioner Chris Moore

## Alabama A&M University University of South Alabama

The minutes of the December 7, 2021 regular meeting (4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Meeting) was reviewed by the Commissioners. A motion was made by Representative Blackshear to accept the minutes of the December 7, 2021 regular meeting (4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Meeting) and seconded by T. Vardaman. MOTION PASSED.

Chairman Pinzon called for the election of officers. A vote was made to re-elect Santiago Pinzon as chairperson. A motion was made by T. Vardaman to re-elect Santiago Pinzon as chairperson and seconded by J. Woltjen. MOTION PASSED. A vote to re-elect Todd Vardaman as co-chairperson was made by S. Pinzon and seconded by Senator Allen. MOTION PASSED. A vote to re-elect Julie Woltjen as Treasurer was made by S. Pinzon and seconded by Representative Blackshear. MOTION PASSED.

Commission members voted that applicants must select applicable boxes from the choices of Athlete Agent and/or Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL). Applicants who do not select, will be returned. The motion was by Chairperson Pinzon and seconded by Co-Chairperson Vardaman. MOTION PASSED.

Chairman Pinzon asked the Commission members to review the new applications named as follows:

- 1. Alexander Campbell
- 2. Giles Coles
- 3. Bill Duffy
- 4. Tzvi Grossman
- 5. Alan Herman
- 6. Tamika Hrobowski-Houston
- 7. Frances Jones
- 8. Daniel Martoe
- 9. Usama Mirza
- 10. Che Mock

- 11. Jonathan Mputu
- 12. Nessim Mugrabi
- 13. Preston Presley
- 14. Willie Prince II
- 15. ChiQuia Roberson
- 16. Nicholas Siegel
- 17. Terance Stamps
- 18. Stephen Vanyo
- 19. Khary Wright

Commission decided to hold Usama Mirza's application again until the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly meeting at which time Mr. Mirza will provide updates as to his acceptance into the California State Bar. The motion was made by Senator Allen and seconded by Representative Blackshear. MOTION PASSED.

Chairman Pinzon asked the Commission to review the new applications. New applicants who did not select Athlete Agent and/or NIL will remain pending until applicant responds with an option. A motion was made to accept all new applicants with the exception of Usama Mirza and conditional approval of applicants who did not select whether their registration is an athlete or NIL was made by Senator Allen and seconded by Co-Chairperson Vardaman. MOTION PASSED.

Chairman Pinzon asked the Commission members to review the new applications named as follows:

- 1. Mark Bailey
- 2. William Conaty
- 3. Edward Davis

- 4. Jared Fox
- 5. Nate Litwin
- 6. Duray Oubre

Chairman Pinzon called for any objections for renewal applications and seeing none, called for a motion to approve. A motion was made by Senator Allen and seconded by T. Shields. MOTION PASSED.

Hugh Evans, III, Chief Legal Counsel for the Secretary of State office, updated the commission on HB 76 (Name, Image, & Likeness (NIL) and HB 178/SB 206. HB 76 was revised and removed the responsibility of oversight and enforcement from the Athlete Agents Commission and repealed the definitions contained in the bill. Mr. Evans further advised the commission that schools should continue their rules and regulations that they had previously enacted as it relates to the NIL bill. Both Senator Allen and Secretary Merrill both added additional comments on the NIL bill. Mr. Evans also provided an update on HB 178/SB 206. The bill would allow the commission to hold meetings via teleconference.

Treasurer Woltjen provided the commission with the financial report.

The 2021 annual report shows 220 active athlete agents.

The Commission decided on the next Commission meeting date of Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Pinzon called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Representative Blackshear and seconded by Secretary Merrill. The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. MOTION PASSED.

Approved: Suntingo Pinzon
Chairman, Santiago Pinzon

Minutes submitted by: Shemekwa Farrow

State of Alabama County of Elmore

Karie Wilkerson, WITNESSED April 27, 2022